

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for further considering the remarks filed with Applicant's response dated December 18, 2007. The Examiner has indicated in the Advisory Action mailed December 28, 2007 that Applicant's arguments are not persuasive because a "prompt" can, in the Examiner's view, be interpreted as "any symbol or accessing means for a computer to receive a command where the prompt indicates to the user that the computer is ready to accept a user input."

Although Applicant disagrees with this interpretation for the various reasons articulated in the previous response, Applicant has, nevertheless, amended each of the independent claims, namely claims 1, 12 and 24 to specify that the prompt defines a field into which the user may enter text such as, for example, the telephone number or e-mail address of a destination (as opposed to selecting the destination from the hot list of candidate destinations).

Claim 1 has thus been amended to read, in pertinent part: "a prompt defining a field for receiving the destination as text". Independent claims 12 and 24 have been amended in like manner. In view of this amendment, a prompt can no longer be interpreted in the expansive manner suggested by the Examiner, and is explicitly defined as a prompt that defines a field into which the user can input some sort of alphanumeric text to thus compose a destination.

Newly amended claims 1, 12 and 24 clearly define patentably over the prior art cited. None of the prior art cited discloses a prompt having a field into which the user can enter text to compose a destination (e.g. telephone number, e-mail, etc.) that is provided simultaneously together with a hot list of candidate destinations.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that new amended claims 1, 12 and 24 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully submitted that this application is now in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests favourable reconsideration and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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